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TUCSON CITY ATTORNEY NAMED 2016 DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LAWYER

Tucson City Attorney Mike Rankin was honored by the State Bar of Arizona with the 2016 Distinguished Public Lawyer Award yesterday during a luncheon in Phoenix. The award is presented to an attorney who has made significant contributions in the operation of government and demonstrates extraordinary leadership, initiative, or innovation in performance of their duties.

A Tucson native and University of Arizona alumnus, Rankin has dedicated his career to serving the public. Rankin joined the City Attorney's Office directly out of law school in 1992 and has served as City Attorney for 12 years. As City Attorney, Rankin provides legal advice to the Mayor and Tucson City Council and city departments, represents the City of Tucson in all civil cases, and oversees criminal prosecutions.

"Mike Rankin is an outstanding lawyer and the City of Tucson is lucky to have him - and I say that as someone who practiced law for 30 years," said Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild. "By temperament and intellect, he is ideally suited to the job, which is challenging in many respects. The City Attorney deals with many different areas of law and all within the context of just about everything happening in public. I'm very pleased that Mike has received this honor. It is well-deserved."

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